MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Contract for the iron works and erection has been given.

(*b*) The contractors have started work.

Rural Schools in the State.

120. MR. REVATINAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): With reference to Section 18, Chapter II, of the Education Code, describing a kind of rural schools, will the Government be pleased to state how many such schools are there in existence at present (31-2-1104)?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Rural schools, as such, are not now maintained by the Education Department.

Measures for poor relief.

121. MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any step for poor relief in the State?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If the member means by 'poor relief' an organised system of relief of the poor by the State, the answer is in the negative.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether any kind of organised system of the relief of the poor has been taken up by the Government?

MR K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is a sort of poor relief in Trivandrum where *kanji* is distributed to the poor from an endowment.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know from the member whether Government intend organising any kind of poor relief in the State?

MR K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not at present.

Road from the 6th mile in the Quilon-Shencotta Road to Poyapalli.

122. MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the people of the Quilon and Kottarakara taluks, by means of petitions addressed to the Dewan, for opening a new road from the 6th milestone on the Quilon-Shencotta road to Poyapalli;

(*b*) whether they propose to take any step in the matter; and

(*c*) whether the Chief Engineer would find it convenient to make a personal inspection of the proposed line?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

(*c*) Yes.

Publication of the Final Edition of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council.

123. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Budget Session of the Legislative Council begun in Karkatakam 1103 M.E., came to a close;

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(*b*) how many days' proceedings of the same Session have been supplied to the members of the Legislative Council up to the end of Tulam 1104;

(*c*) whether they are aware of the inordinate delay generally found in the matter of supplying fair copies of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council to the members and the consequent inconvenience caused to the members;

(*d*) the reason for this delay;

(*e*) the total contingent expenditure incurred on account of the Legislative Section of the Huzur Secretariat for the last three years 1101, 1102 and 1103; and

(*f*) whether they will see that fair copies of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council are hereafter supplied to the members within a month after the termination of every meeting?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 2nd Chingam 1104.

(*b*) 9 days' Proceedings (final edition) were sent to the members before the 30th Tulam 1104 and the remaining two days' proceedings on the 1st Vrischikam 1104.

(*c*) There has been no avoidable delay in the issue of the Proceedings.

(*d*) The time taken up is due to a variety of causes. The preliminary editions are sent to each member of the Council, official and non-official, and often they are not returned by them after revision within the time allowed. If even a single member delays the return, the draft of that edition cannot be made final for the Press. Some time is required by the Secretariat to incorporate the corrections for the Press and to see the proofs through the Press till final printing. The printing of the Proceedings of the Council is but one of several items of work in the Government Press and the Press has to be allowed some time for composing the matter and correction of the proofs and the final strike off. It will help the Secretariat in expediting the issue of the final editions of the Proceedings if the members will return the preliminary edition within the time allowed for revision.

	Year.	*Amount.*
(*e*)	1101	Rs. 766.
	1102	Rs. 960.
	1103	Rs. 1,006.

These amounts represent the entire expenditure of the Legislative Section for each year, inclusive of the expenses in connection with the Legislative Council and the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly.

(*f*) Every endeavour is being made and will be made to issue the final edition of the Proceedings as expeditiously as possible.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the answer to part (*d*), may I know whether the difficulties enumerated in that part are of recent occurrence?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): They are not of recent occurrence. The difficulties have been felt for some time.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the member is aware that the final edition of the proceedings used to be supplied earlier than at present?

MR. T P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That must be due to the variations of the reasons mentioned here. On those occasions the final editions might have been returned earlier.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): In view of the fact that members do not get information for asking questions unless the preliminary editions are sent corrected within a particular date hereafter, will the Government be pleased to enforce that rule so that the final edition may reach them earlier?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government are now giving members further time so that the final proceedings might appear fully and correctly. But since the member wishes to see that no further time is given, Government have no objection to do that.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Are the Government aware that we are not able to ask supplementary questions on account of the final edition being delayed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The preliminary editions are in the hands of the members even though the final editions are not out.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Without the final edition is it possible for members to shape new questions?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The preliminary editions are in their hands and the final editions are not published earlier because of the delay in the return of the preliminary editions.

The Veera Saiva Community and Public Service.

124 **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of graduates belonging to the Veera Saiva community in Travancore;

(*b*) whether any one of them has been entertained in the public service of the State, and, if not, why;

(*c*) whether their attention has been drawn to the editorial note in the *Trivandrum Daily News* of the 17th October 1928 and other representations made on the subject; and

(*d*) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) It was noted.

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